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*In the Claims:*

1. (Cancelled) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:  
a body; and  
a lip extending from said body;  
said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and  
a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).
2. (Currently amended)      The container of claim 31, further comprising polystyrene, polyethylene, or polypropylene.
3. (Currently amended)      The container of claim 31, wherein said body comprises a sidewall and a base.
4. (Original)      The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of apertures therein.
5. (Original)      The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of support ribs thereon.
6. (Original)      The container of claim 3, wherein said base comprises a plurality of spikes thereon.

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7. (Currently amended) ~~The container of claim 6,~~ A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a body; and

a lip extending from said body;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch);

said body comprises a base with a plurality of spikes thereon; and

wherein each of said plurality of spikes comprises a base surrounded by a plurality of blades.

8. (Currently amended) The container of claim 31, wherein said lip comprises a flange extending from said flat surface.

9. (Original) The container of claim 8, wherein said flange extends downwardly at an angle so as to form a pocket with said body.

10. (Original) The container of claim 9, wherein said pocket comprises an upper curved radius.

11. (Cancelled) The container of claim 1, further comprising a lid to be positioned within said body.

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12. (Previously presented) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a body;

a lip extending from said body;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch); and

a lid to be positioned within said body;

wherein said lid comprises a concave shape.

13. (Currently amended) The container of claim 31 ~~11~~, wherein said lid comprises a plurality of apertures therein.

14. (Previously presented) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

a body;

a lip extending from said body;

said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and

a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch); and

a lid to be positioned within said body;

wherein said body comprises one or more cuts therein for said lid.

15. (Currently amended) The container of claim 31, further comprising one or more layers of filter paper positioned within said body.

16. (Currently amended) The container of claim 31, further comprising a foil envelope for holding the ground coffee or the tealeaves.

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17. (Previously presented) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

- a base;
- said base comprising a plurality of apertures therein;
- a circular sidewall extending from said base; and
- a lip extending from said sidewall;
- said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and
- a flange extending downwardly from said flat surface;
- said flange comprising a curved inner radius.

18. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein said flange comprises a width of no more than about 2.6 millimeters (about 0.1 inch).

19. (Original) The container of claim 17, wherein said base comprises a plurality of spikes thereon.

20-30. Withdrawn.

31. (Previously presented) A container for holding ground coffee or tealeaves, comprising:

- a body;
- a lip extending from said body;
- said lip comprising a top substantially flat surface; and
- a lid to be positioned within said body;
- said lid comprising a concave shape;
- wherein said body comprises one or more cuts therein for said lid.